Name of the Project/Distt.	Capacity (MW)
Orissa	
2. Talcher—2, Dhenkanal	500
3. Ib Valley—2, Jharsuguda.	210
Tamil Nadu	
4. North Madras—3, Chinglaput.	210
Bihar	
5. Tanughat—2, Giridih.	210
1996-97	
Bihar	
6. Kahalhaon—4, Bhagalpur.	210
West Bengal	
7. Mejia—2, Bankura.	210
8. Budge-Budge—1, South Pargana.	250
9. Budge-Budge—2, South Pargana.	250
Rajasthan	
10. Suratgarh—1, Suratgarh.	250
Punjab	
11. Gurunanak Dev TP, Bhatinda.	210
Gujarat	
12. Kutch Lignite—3, Kutch.	75
Andhra Pradesh	
13. Kothagudem—9, Khammam.	250

Proposal to attract tourists on the occasion of solar eclipse

2029. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there will be total solar eclipse on 25th October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to attract more and more tourists on this occasion;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to set up special viewing areas at the tourist centres like Agra, Jaipur, Konark and ancient Indian astronomy centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the unique opportunity to promote tourism through this event, Department of Tourism, Government of India in collaboration with State Govts. of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have drawn up special packages to attract tourists. A special promotional booklet has been brought out for wide publicity. Media members from overseas are being invited to visit India to cover this unique event.

(d) and (e) Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have also earmarked special viewing areas for facilitating tourists to see the total solar eclipse.

Tenth Finance Commission's Recommendations on Plan Revenue Deficit Grant

2030. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the 10th

Finance Commission for not recommending Plan revenue deficit grant;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to augment the resources of the States by an additional grant from the Planning Commission;

(c) if so, the quantum of such grant to the State of Madhya Pradesh and by when it will be made available; and

(d) whether in deciding the quantum of this grant the escalation over the Plan revenue deficit grant recommended by the 9th Commission would be taken into account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Ninth Finance Commission was required to adopt a normative approach in assessing the receipts and expenditures on revenue account (Plan and Non-Plan) of the States and Centre. It had, therefore, recommended Plan revenue deficit grants to some States. The Tenth Finance Commission in its report in para 2.27 have observed as under:—

> "2.27.....But our terms of reference also explicitly require us to assess non-plan revenue expenditure. Our period of recommendations not being co-terminus with the Eighth plan has further complicated the issue. The practical difficulties of making acceptable projections of plan outlay-even for the remaining two years of the plan-were brought to our notice by the representatives of the Planning Commission. Most States have also chosen not to hazard any estimates. In view of these constraints we have confined our reassessment to the non-plan revenue account."

In view of the above Plan revenue deficit grants have not been recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission.

(b) and (c) The total devolution to States as per the Award of the Tenth Finance Commission for the period 1995—2000 is estimated to be Rs. 2,26,643 crores as compared to Rs. 1,06,036 crores recommended by the Ninth Finance Commission during 1990—95. There is adequate increase in the total devolution to States as recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to give additional Non--Plan grants to the States in addition to what is already recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission.

(d) Question does not arise.

Coal Shortage in Raichur Thermal Power Station

2031. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) is facing acute shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to ease the situation; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inadequate supply from Singreni Collieries of SCCL, to which the Raichur thermal power station is linked on long-term basis, is the main reason for the shortage of coal.

(c) and (d) Additional coal linkage has been proposed for Raichur from other coal fields and Railways have been requested to move coal from other regions to mitigate the crisis. The Karnataka Government have also been advised to import coal to overcome the shortages. The coal supply position is reviewed constantly by CEA and in inter-ministerial meetings.